

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
POLLUTION REPORT

I. HEADING

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Subject: Color Technologies-Site  
Somerville, New Jersey

POLREP NO.: One (1) and Final

II BACKGROUND

Site No:	JP
Delivery Order No:	N/A
Response Authority:	CERCLA
NPL Status:	N/A
State Notification:	NJDEP
Action Memorandum Status:	August 18, 1997
Start Date:	June 3, 1997
Completion Date:	August 20, 1997
RCRA ID:	N/A

III SITE INFORMATION

On May 27, 1997, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received a verbal request from the New Jersey State Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) to perform a removal action at the Color Technology Inc. Site, in Somerville, NJ.

The Color Technology Inc. Site is located at 60 Cornell Boulevard, Somerville, Somerset County, New Jersey. The Site occupies one quarter acre and is situated in a residential/ commercial area.

On June 3, 1997, EPA performed a-site investigation at this inactive paints and coatings facility. In attendance were the Somerville fire chief and fire marshal, Raritan OEM coordinator, and START. The site was recently vacated. Site activities ceased in May 1997. Approximately 200 drums with improper labels, hundreds of small containers, and fourteen underground storage tanks were present on site. Puddles of blue liquid were observed outside and in the adjacent swale. START hazcatted the blue liquid and two USTs. The majority of materials on the site consisted of various solvents and flammable liquids. Media attention concerning the site was high. The PRP was contacted in an effort to perform a removal of these materials.

#### IV RESPONSE INFORMATION

##### A. Situation

###### 1. Current situation

Neither the local government nor local agencies had the ability to perform a response mitigation.

###### 2. Removal activities to date

On 6/19/97, EPA held a meeting at the facility. In attendance were the Somerville fire marshal, NJDEP, the PRP and his legal counsel. The PRP was informed of the need to perform a removal of the hazardous materials from the site. He was advised to implement site security and to maintain the fire suppression system. An administrative consent order was issued to the PRP. A site access agreement was signed by the PRP.

The PRP declined to enter into an administrative order with EPA and implemented a removal of the containerized materials from the site. The action Memo was signed on August 18, 1997, and a unilateral order was prepared in case the PRP failed to complete the removal. The PRP fenced the site but failed to implement site security. EPA and the Somerville fire marshal monitored the PRP's activities. PRP knowledge of the USTs indicated that they were empty or full of groundwater. As of August 20, 1997, 26 drums of solvents were shipped to Marisol for recovery, 46 empty drums were removed for recycling, and eighteen pallets of miscellaneous small containers of product and reagents were shipped to Wilson Imperial in Newark, NJ for reuse.

###### 3. Enforcement

The PRP declined to sign an administrative order issued by EPA ORC. The PRP completed the removal so a unilateral order was not issued.

##### B. Planned removal activities

Identification, sampling, and disposal of all hazardous materials.

##### C. Next Steps

None.

##### D. Key Issues

None.

V. COST INFORMATION

The following table contains information on estimated costs for the response investigation.

	<u>Amount Budgeted</u>	<u>Cost to Date</u>	<u>Remaining Project Funds</u>
ERRS	\$ 300,000	\$ 0	\$ 300,000
START	\$ 40,000	\$ 0	\$ 40,000
EPA	\$ 135,000	\$ 0	\$ 135,000
TOTAL	\$ 543,000	\$ 0	\$ 543,000

Funds were never expended as a removal action was never initiated.

The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure, which the EPA may include in any claims for cost recovery.

Final Polrep: X

Further Polreps Forthcoming: